



Today in History

December 23, 1672

▲ Italian astronomer Giovanni Cassini discovered Rhea, a satellite of the planet Saturn. Cassini was the first astronomer to observe four of Saturn's moons

1908: Yousuf Karsh, portrait photographer of the famous, from a belligerent Winston Churchill to a pouting Brigitte Bardot, born

1972: Sixteen survivors from a Uruguayan plane that crashed in the Andes 72 days earlier admitted eating the flesh of dead companions

1990: Slovenians voted en masse for independence from Yugoslavia

2011: Chinese dissident Chen Wei, 42, sentenced to nine years imprisonment